



# Indiana Department of Education

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Indiana District Superintendents, Charter School Leaders, Financial Officers and Special Education Directors

**FROM:** Office of School Finance

**DATE:** February 22, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Removing Barriers to Medicaid Claiming for Special Education Services

Last year Indiana's 73 Medicaid-participating school corporations received over \$2 million in federal funds for related services provided to eligible students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). These additional revenues helped local districts cover costs for staff professional development, parent training, assistive technology, specialized durable medical equipment and supplies.

To assist schools that are interested in Medicaid claiming, the Indiana Department of Education is working with the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning to (1) increase the number and types of Medicaid-covered IEP services and (2) remove administrative barriers. Recent progress includes:

- Published notice of the Medicaid agency's Intent to Adopt a Rule establishing reimbursement for IEP Nursing (RN) and Transportation services  
<http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/20090916-IR-405090709NIA.xml.html>
- DOE submission of formal requests that Medicaid:
  - publish criteria for determining which Indiana-licensed Speech-Language Pathologists meet the federal regulatory definition of a Medicaid-qualified speech and hearing services provider
  - revise Medicaid-participating school provider enrollment application requirements
- Interagency meetings to:
  - clarify Medicaid policy on group speech therapy provided in the school setting
  - pursue federal approval of statewide Medicaid Administrative Claiming for schools' costs to help students understand, apply for and access Medicaid benefits

Please visit <http://www.doe.in.gov/exceptional/speced/medicaid.html> for additional information on Medicaid billing for IEP services. Questions may be directed to Tracy Brunner, School-based Medicaid Specialist, at 317-232-6988 (Indianapolis area) or 866-234-1414, ext. 2-6988 (toll free).